

Amendment replaces the informal Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 submitted on April 10, 2002, which was refused entry by the Examiner.

The present Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed in the subject application on October 10, 2001. Applicants request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 10, immediately after the section heading "Brief Description of the Figures", please insert the following paragraph:

-- The file of this patent contains at least one drawing executed in color. Copies of this patent with color drawing(s) will be provided by the Patent and Trademark Office upon request and payment of the necessary fee --.

In the section "Brief Description of the Figures", please amend the description of Figure 10, which begins at page 11, line 23, to read as follows ( pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 a "marked up" version of the amended paragraph is enclosed in a separate document):

-- Figure 10 is a color drawing that shows solvent accessibility of individually aligned antigen 5 residues and alignment of *Vespula* antigen 5 sequences (left panel). On the right panel of Figure 10 is shown the molecular surface of antigen 5 with conserved areas among *Vespula* antigen 5 s. --

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 2, 5, 28, 48, and 50 to read as follows (pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 a "marked up" version of the amended claims is enclosed as a separate document):